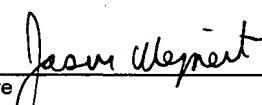


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 10808/330 (In1344WOUS)
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/052999	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 17, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 10/590740 November 29, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR ELECTROPLATING AND CONTACT PROJECTION ARRANGEMENT (amended)		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US JOHANN HELNEDER and HOLGER TORWESTEN		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) [WO 2005/053012 A1]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau), along with a "Verification of a Translation" dated April 25, 2006 b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.</p>		
Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO Form 1449; copies of cited references A4-A13, the International Search Report dated March 1, 2005 for corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/052999, an Office Action dated July 27, 2004 from the corresponding German Application, and the International Preliminary Examination Report for corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/052999 (all in the German language).</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment with attached Tab A (marked amended specification) and Tab B (clean specification).</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification - (see #13 above)</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Two (2) sheets of drawings; International Forms PCT/IB/304, PCT/IB/308 [First Notice and Second and Supplementary Notice]; and Return Post card.</u></p>		

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The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))\$300			
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If International preliminary report prepared by ISA/US or the examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0 All other situations\$200			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority\$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office\$400 All other situations\$500			
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = \$1000			
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		\$1000	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).			
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate
Total Claims	24 - 20 =	4	x \$ 50.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =		x \$ 200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable			+ \$360.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	\$1,200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.			
		SUBTOTAL =	\$1,200.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property +			
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		Amount to be refunded	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of <u>\$1,200.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.		
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.			
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VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, Susan ANTHONY BA, ACIS,

Director of RWS Group Ltd, of Europa House, Marsham Way, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, England declare:

That the translator responsible for the attached translation is knowledgeable in the German language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that, to the best of RWS Group Ltd knowledge and belief, the English translation of the amended sheets of the international application No. PCT/EP2004/052999 is a true and complete translation of the amended sheets of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application issued thereon.

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